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Letter dated 26 June 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a statement dated 26 June 2018 by the Presidency Council of the Government of National Accord of Libya on the illegitimate measures to hand over oil facilities in Libya (see annex).

I request that the present letter and its annex be published as a document of the Security Council.

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[Original: Arabic]

Statement of the Presidency Council regarding illegal measures taken with respect to the handover of oil facilities

The Presidency Council of the Government of National Accord affirms that the declaration by certain unauthorized parties regarding the handover of oil ports to an illegitimate and unrecognized entity is a clear infringement on the authorities and competences of the National Oil Corporation, which is the sole body authorized to manage oil ports and facilities.

Such actions will exacerbate tensions and strains, are not conducive to consensus, and will not in any way lead in a conciliatory direction. On the contrary, they will serve to pave the way to factionalism and division, and undermine all international and local efforts that have been made over the years to achieve stability. This recent measure is no different from other events witnessed by the oil crescent region in recent times that have led to the squandering of Libyans' resources.

The Presidential Council reaffirms the established fact that the National Oil Corporation, currently headquartered in Tripoli, is the sole legal entity responsible for the management of oil in accordance with mechanisms and laws in force. Proceeds from the sale of oil are transferred to the Central Bank of Libya to provide for the needs of all Libyans, to be spent on the resolution of crises and administration of the country's affairs in all regions without any discrimination. The measure in question is an irresponsible act and poses a direct and dangerous threat to the interests and resources of the Libyan people. It entails obligations on the part of the Libyan State towards international parties and global oil corporations, and does substantial damage to the reputation of Libya.

The Presidential Council has acted with responsibility and wisdom to keep oil out of the political and military conflict. It has not allowed itself to be dragged in despite repeated provocation and escalation. It has instead done everything possible to enable the rehabilitation of oil facilities, which has allowed for a resumption and gradual increase in exports under the supervision of the National Oil Corporation within international quotas.

In the light of the above, we call on the Security Council and the sanctions committee to track and interdict any illegal sales that might result from these acts, in accordance with the relevant international resolutions, and in particular Security Council resolution 2362 (2017), which condemns all illegal attempts to dispose of Libyan oil in any way by parallel institutions which are not acting under the authority of the Government of National Accord. We warn all those involved in taking this measure of its repercussions. We call on them to retract it immediately and nullify any consequences stemming from it. We stress that the Presidency Council will exercise all its authorities and powers to take domestic and international legal measures to prosecute those involved no matter what their positions or motives.

The Presidency Council of the Government of National Accord